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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Thilo SCHMIDT, Georg GIERER and Markus

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Serial no.

For : DEVICE FOR THE CONTROL OF A

HYDRAULICALLY ACTUATED CLUTCH OF AN

AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION

Docket : ZAHFRI P577US

MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION The Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent & Trademark Office P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

By way of preliminary amendment, please amend the above identified application as set forth below.

In the Specification:

Please amend paragraphs 002, 003, 004, 005, 016, 017, 021, 022, 027, 044, 053 and Reference Numeral page 12 of the specification as follows in which the specification additions are shown by underlining and the specification deletions are shown by strikeout. Please enter the replacement specification paragraphs into the record of this case.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-17, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, in favor of new claims 18-34 as follows.